

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3302**

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Including House Amendments dated May 4

Sponsored by Representatives CLEM, D EDWARDS, C EDWARDS; Representatives HOLVEY, WITT

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Creates Task Force on Underground Economy.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to underground economy task force; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on the Underground Economy, consist-**  
5 **ing of five members as follows:**

6 (a) **The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or the commissioner's**  
7 **designee;**

8 (b) **One member appointed by the Director of the Employment Department;**

9 (c) **One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Revenue;**

10 (d) **One member appointed by the Attorney General; and**

11 (e) **One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business**  
12 **Services.**

13 (2) **The task force shall:**

14 (a) **Investigate ways to identify employers in Oregon who pay employees in cash or hire**  
15 **employees on a cash-payment basis to avoid complying with employment laws;**

16 (b) **Provide the commissioner with information regarding employers described in para-**  
17 **graph (a) of this subsection;**

18 (c) **Focus on identifying employers described in paragraph (a) of this subsection who are**  
19 **not experiencing labor shortages and who are paying wages that are above the state average**  
20 **including, but not limited to, employers in the construction industry; and**

21 (d) **Consider a recommendation that the commissioner hire three persons to investigate**  
22 **and initiate proceedings against employers described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

23 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
24 **of business.**

25 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
26 **of the task force.**

27 (5) **The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

28 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ment to become immediately effective.**

2 **(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
3 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

4 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

5 **(9) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the**  
6 **President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the manner**  
7 **provided by ORS 192.145 no later than October 1, 2008.**

8 **(10) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall provide staff support to the task force.**

9 **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**  
10 **for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of**  
11 **their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**  
12 **penditures shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for that**  
13 **purpose.**

14 **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**  
15 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**  
16 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**  
17 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

18 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**  
19 **regular biennial legislative session.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
22 **on its passage.**

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